

Brethren Evangelist

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Work and Workers

Brother W. H. Miller has changed his address from Milford, Indiana, to Roann, Indiana. His correspondents will please make a note of this and address him accordingly.

Four more accessions to the Washington Mission are reported by Brother Lyon in his letter printed on another page. The pastor rejoices in the success which is accompanying his labors in that city and in this joy, which is also the joy of angels, we are glad for the privilege of sharing.

Brother F. D. Van Buren, Warden, Wisconsin, has recently made quite a journey thru that State preaching the gospel in school houses. He reports good meetings, a people anxious to hear the whole gospel. This is the cry everywhere; the field is enlarging, but the laborers are not correspondingly increasing.

Brother H. S. Enslow, residing at Ottawa, Kansas, and the chosen evangelist of the Kanemorado district, has not been idle since partially leaving the work and returning to the plow. He reports four accessions by relation and two by baptism. The meetings which resulted in these accessions were held in a new but promising field for the Brethren church.

Brother H. R. Holsinger recently visited Lordsburg, California, and attended divine services at that place in the Brethren church Sunday morning and evening, which he seems to have greatly enjoyed. He was on his way to North Ontario, thence to Rialto and Rosena. His voice, a brother writes, is very weak, but his mind seems to be strong. He travels by himself, a fact which would seem to indicate that he has improved in health.

The Chicago Mission Sunday school has recently purchased at its own expense apparatus for the heating of the water in the baptistry. The school is growing in numbers and usefulness, averaging far above many schools of much longer growth and better environments. What the church needs to learn is to give its mission its financial and spiritual support, not periodically, but constantly, and the results will amply reward the effort.

No, Brother Bauman, "Pulpit Echoes" should not have been discontinued, and in fact have not altogether been. We have three or four from your "boy" in Philadelphia, and we are holding them for a few from other ministers. Those who formerly contributed to this department will please note that there is a demand for its continuance. The fact that Brother Bauman is not preaching regularly does not disqualify him for this service; it simply gives him more time, and we shall be glad to hear from him.

Brother J. L. Kimmel reports another accession to the Dayton Mission by baptism. It ought to be a source of satisfaction to the churches in Ohio to see this mission prosper, and we believe the success of this work will stimulate our people in the State to yet greater missionary effort. There is a great work awaiting us, not in Dayton only, but at other places in the State, and if the churches will respond to the call made thru the Conference held at Ashland recently our home work can be very materially strengthened and its borders enlarged.

Brother C. F. Yoder will please note that our dear old Brother Nickolson desires a little farther information concerning the re-baptism of the twelve by the apostle Paul the record of which appears in Acts 19: 1-6. He does not seem to be quite satisfied with the explanation or the reason given for this re-baptism.

On Sunday morning brother A. H. Lichty preached in the College chapel taking as a basis for his discourse the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage by the power of God thru his servant Moses, and part of the wilderness experience with its lessons. Brother Lichty presented some very practical thoughts and pleased his audience.

Brother W. S. Bell, a young man of more than ordinary ability and a student in Chicago University, was recently baptized by brother C. F. Yoder. Brother Bell has been engaged to preach at Waterloo, Iowa, during the summer. We trust he may find the Brethren church the home he has been seeking for, that the church may share with him the joys and blessings that come of entire obedience to the divine Word, and that he may prove of service to the church.

Brother Martin Shively, Lathrop, California informs us that he accepted a call from the Lordsburg congregation, and will begin operations there August 1 of this year. Within the last year or two the work in California has been growing very encouragingly. Brother Darling has charge of a congregation at Berryessa, and Brother Shively will have charge of Lordsburg. We trust that Lathrop and vicinity will not be without regular services.

Brother C. I. Shock, one of the Ashland theological students, has accepted the work at Troy, Ohio. Once the church had a strong congregation at that place, but for years it has been a mission point. Brother Shock is sure to bring out the best there is in the place, and with Brother Mikesell as a helper and an old "standby" we are prepared to hear of good work being done at Troy. Brother Shock is a consecrated young man, to whom the cause of the Master and of the Brethren church is very dear, and we bespeak for him a blessed experience in the labors which he has accepted.

The Wilkinsburg Messenger, published in the interest of the Baptist church at that place, contains the following item which shows that the doctrine of immersion is not losing ground as some would have us believe. The editor, who is also the pastor of the Baptist church at Wilkinsburg, says: During the past three or four years it has been our privilege a number of times to loan our baptistry to pastors of other churches for the immersion of those whose consciences demanded that as baptism. To-morrow at four o'clock Rev. Mr. Sherrick, pastor of the United Brethren Church, will administer this ordinance in our church. Baptist people have reason thankfully to rejoice at the growing sentiment in favor of what they have always contended for as the New Testament doctrine of baptism, viz. the immersion of believers only. All those who pray with Jesus "that they may all be one." may well rejoice and pray that this sentiment may become unanimous among God's people.

Our readers will be glad to hear once more from Brother Swadberg, and especially pleased will they be to learn that he is on his way to Glen Mary, Canada, where he has been doing very successful missionary work. At this writing he is at Brooklyn, Iowa, but on June 28 he expects to leave for Canada where new opportunities are

opening for the cause of the Brethren church. He had intended to be present at our next National Conference, but in his judgment the work which he had so successfully launched in Canada demands his presence immediately, and to that place he is going. Early in the fall there will be a great immigration of Scandinavians into the settlement where the doctrine of the Brethren church has been so kindly received, and Brother Swadberg expects to be on the ground to welcome them. He has information of above fifty families that will take homesteads in that country, most of them direct from Norway. This affords an excellent opportunity for missionary work and our faithful, self sacrificing brother is ready and willing to seize the opportunity to preach the gospel among the people of his native tongue. Evidently providence points to Canada as the first foreign missionary field for the Brethren church. Let us go up and possess the land.

The Brown County, (Kan.) Republican, makes very favorable note of the work of Dr. Mackey in the several congregations of which he is pastor, from which we take the following items:

The attendance at Bethany church is very encouraging. Dr. Mackey has one of the finest churches and memberships in the country, and all our citizens are proud of the combination. The young Peoples Parish School for Christian Instruction, organized by Rev. Dr. John C. Mackey, pastor of Bethany Brethren church, made a good beginning Saturday afternoon. Twenty-six names were entered on the roll. Dr. Mackey spoke to the class on the necessity of religious training thru the church and held that the pursuit of our literary, or business and social education should be aided by a strict disciplining of oneself along the line of Christian principle. Nine suggestions were offered by the doctor as helps. These were in the form of promises and were accepted by every member of the class. Next Saturday the address will be on the prominence given to young people and children in the Bible and especially in the ministry of Christ.

In this issue appears the initial number of a series of review articles on the Doctrinal Number of the Evangelist, by brother B. C. Moomaw. These articles, numbers two and three of which are already in the office, will be in the nature of a criticism, but they should be none the less welcome for that. Criticism can never do any harm to the truth. It will shine the brighter for having passed thru the fiery furnace of criticism. If the doctrinal number of the Evangelist recently sent out contains the truth as taught by the Lord Jesus, then its merits will appear all the more after Brother Moomaw shall have turned upon it the microscope of criticism. If that special number of the Evangelist contains, along with the truth, some dross, a thing which is not at all unlikely, then let us hope that the forthcoming reviews may serve as search lights revealing that which is truth and that which is error, aid us in a careful separation of the two, accept the one and reject the other. To Brother Moomaw's inquiry as to whether this particular number of the Evangelist is sent out as an authoritative statement of the church's faith and practice, we reply that each contributor is individually responsible for what he has written, the same exactly as in the case of any other Evangelist that goes out from this office. The contributions carry with them the same authority as Brother Bauman's articles on "Prophecy" or Brother Moomaw's criticism on them. The following statement from the closing paragraph of Brother Moomaw's introductory article expresses a sentiment with which we most heartily agree,